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Members of the State Building Code Council,

I am Director of Industry for the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Washington.

We are submitting written testimony on any effort that restricts energy choice for the consumers in Washington.

ESHB 1770 did not have the votes to make it out of the Senate Democrat Caucus. The reason that it didn't get the votes are found below.

- ❖ The UTC study has not been completed to know if the electrical infrastructure can handle the additional load.
- ❖ Natural Gas is a clean energy source. Europe has deemed Natural Gas as "Clean".
- ❖ With a potential world war before us, removing an energy source is not good policy.
- ❖ Energy costs will rise if natural gas is eliminated.
- ❖ Consumers prefer energy choice.
- ❖ There is natural gas burning equipment that is high efficiency and should be considered before removing an energy source.
- ❖ The costs to consumers will be extensive and any new residential building costs will rise \$20k putting some buyers out of range to purchase.

The fiscal note may be low but the cost to consumers will be insurmountable.

Please accept these comments as official testimony.

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